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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Sanford

Application No.: 09/698,553

Filed: 10/27/2000

Title: CASHLESS GAMING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit:
2876

Examiner:
Daniel St. Cyr

Attorney Docket No.: 0203SS-50083

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 30, 2002, made Final, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as per the attached amended claim sheets.

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PREMATURE FINALITY
OF ACTION MAILED 10/30/02

Applicant respectfully submits that the "finality" of the Action mailed 10/30/02 is premature, and hereby petitions that the finality be withdrawn.

Attached for convenient reference please find:

(A) The examiner's initial 3/14/02 rejection of claims 1-8 as anticipated by Crevelt.

(B) Applicant's 8/14/02 Response pointing out that because the limitations in the claims had not been located in the reference by the Action, applicant was unable to respond, and requesting clarification.

(C) Recitation, for the first time in the "final" 10/30/02 Action, of the column and line where the Examiner asserts that the limitations of the claims can be located in Crevelt.

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